AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 9, 13, 20, and 28 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

requesting a memory address region and network boot load data from a server:

receiving the network boot load data and a designated memory region from the

server; and

loading the network boot load data into the designated memory region[[.]];

running the network boot load data;

jumping to a designated memory region for an operating system; and

initializing the operating system.

2 (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 claim 1, wherein initializing the

operating system comprises initializing using the network boot load data without

use of a network bootstrap program.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising discovering a network

protocol identifier.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising operating

utilizing PXE (preboot execution environment), and wherein PXE is used to

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directly load network data into system memory.

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- (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein network data is directly loaded into system memory though use of a UNDI (Universal Network Device Interface) network interface.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the network boot load data comprises a bootloading API (application program interface).
- 8. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a packet comprising a network protocol identifier from a client;

transferring an offer packet to the client;

receiving a request for a boot memory region from the client;

designating a boot memory region; and

transferring network boot load data and the designation of the boot memory

region to the client[[.]];

wherein the client initializes an operating system utilizing the boot load data.

- (Cancelled)
- (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising operating utilizing PXE (preboot execution environment).
- (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein a network bootstrap program is not transferred to the client.
- 12. (Currently amended) A client system comprising:
 - a memory; and
 - a bootloader, the bootloader to:

request a memory address region for the memory and network boot load

data from a server;

receive the network boot load data and a designated memory region from

the server; and

load the network boot load data into the designated memory region[[,1];

wherein the bootloader is to jump to the designated memory region and start an

operating system using the network boot load data.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The client system of claim 12, wherein the bootloader is to discover a

network protocol identifier.

15. (Original) The client system of claim 12, wherein the bootloader utilizes PXE

(preboot execution environment).

16. (Previously presented) The client system of claim 12, wherein network boot load

data is directly loaded into the memory though use of a UNDI (Universal

Network Device Interface) network interface.

17. (Previously presented) The client system of claim 12, wherein the network boot

load data comprises a bootloading API (application program interface).

18. (Previously presented) The client system of claim 12, wherein the bootloader

starts an operating system without use of a network bootstrap program.

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19. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data representing sequences of instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause

the processor to perform operations comprising:

requesting a memory address region and network boot load data from a server;

receiving the network boot load data and a designated memory region from the

server; [[and]]

storing the network boot load data at the designated memory region[[,1];

running the network boot load data;

jumping to a designated memory region for an operating system; and

initializing the operating system.

20. (Cancelled)

21 (Currently amended) The medium of claim 20 claim 19, wherein initializing the

operating system comprises initializing using the network boot load data without

use of a network bootstrap program.

22. (Original) The medium of claim 19, further comprising instructions that, when

executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising

discovering a network protocol identifier.

23. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 19, further comprising instructions

that, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform operations

comprising operating utilizing PXE (preboot execution environment), and

wherein PXE is used to directly load network data into system memory.

- 24. (Previously presented) The medium of claim 23, wherein network data is directly loaded into system memory though use of a UNDI (Universal Network Device Interface) network interface.
- (Previously presented) The medium of claim 19, wherein the network boot load data comprises a bootloading API (application program interface).
- 26. (Original) The medium of claim 19, further comprising instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising initializing an operating system without use of a network bootstrap program.

(Currently amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data

representing sequences of instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving a packet comprising a network protocol identifier from a client; transferring an offer packet to the client;

receiving a request for a boot memory region from the client;

designating a boot memory region; and

transferring network boot load data and the designation of the boot memory region to the client[[.]];

wherein the client initializes an operating system utilizing the boot load data.

28. (Cancelled)

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- (Original) The medium of claim 27, further comprising instructions that, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising operating utilizing PXE (preboot execution environment).
- (Original) The medium of claim 27, wherein a network bootstrap program is not transferred to the client.

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